

## APPENDIX.

### SUMMARY OF THE SECOND AND THIRD CHARTERS.

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#### *Second Charter, 1663.*

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494. Incorporation and Corporate Name.  
494. The King himself Founder and Patron.  
495. Capacity to purchase; and to grant; and to sue and be sued;  
and to have a common Seal; (which they have Liberty to  
alter at pleasure.)  
495. Grant of Arms, viz. Argent; in a Canton Dexter, the three  
Lions of England: and also of a Crest, and Supporters.  
496. The Council shall consist of Twenty-one; (of whom, the  
President or his Deputy shall be always one.)  
496. All other Persons who shall be received and admitted as  
Members, by the President and Council, or any eleven or  
more of them (of whom, &c.), or by two Thirds or more of  
those eleven or more *within* two Months; and at all Times  
*after* those two Months; by the President, Council, and  
*Fellows*, or by any twenty-one or more of them (of whom  
the President or his Deputy to be one), or by *two third*  
Parts or more of the said twenty-one or more; and shall be  
registered; shall be called *Fellows* of the said Royal Society,  
for Life, unless regularly moved.  
497. William Lord Viscount Brouncker, named to be the first  
President; to continue so till the next St. Andrew's Day,  
and till another (out of the Council) should be chosen and  
sworn. He himself to be first sworn in before the Lord  
Chancellor.  
497. The President's Oath.  
497. The first Council named. To continue till next St. Andrew's  
Day, and till others shall be elected and sworn, unless  
moved for just Cause; having first taken, before the  
President, the like Oath as he took, *mutatis mutandis*.  
499. The President, Council, and Fellows, or any nine or more of  
them (of whom, &c.), may hold Assemblies at any Time or  
Place in London, or within ten Miles of it.

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499. The President, Council, and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one), or the major part of such thirty-one or more, may upon every St. Andrew's Day, annually, elect one of the Council to be their President, who shall continue so, (if not dead or amoved,) till the next St. Andrew's Day, and till another shall be elected; having first been sworn in before the Council, or any seven or more of them.
500. On the Death or Amotion of a President, or if he quit, the Council or any eleven or more of them may meet to choose a President out of the Council: and the Person chosen by them, or the major part of them, being sworn, shall hold during the Residue of the Year, and until another shall be elected and sworn.
500. On the Death, Amotion, or quitting of any of the Council, (who are hereby made amoveable by the President and Council for sufficient Cause,) the President, Council, and Fellows, or any twenty-one or more of them (of whom, &c.), or the major part of such twenty-one or more, may supply the Vacancy from amongst the Fellows: And the Person or Persons elected shall hold, (being first sworn,) till the next St. Andrew's Day, and until another or others shall be elected.
501. On St. Andrew's Day, *Ten* of the Council (but no more) are to be changed by the President, Council, and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy always to be one,) or the major part of such thirty-one or more.
501. The President may appoint *One* out of the Council to be his Deputy; who may act as such in his Absence, unless the President make some other Deputy out of the Council.
502. The Deputy may, in the Absence of the President, do all Acts that he himself could do if present; but he must first be sworn before the Council, or seven or more of them.
502. The Society may have a Treasurer, two Secretaries, two or more Curators of Experiments, one Clerk or more, and two Sergeants at Mace to attend upon the President. All these are to be chosen and named by the President, Council, and Fellows, or any thirty-one or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one,) or by the major Part of such Thirty-one or more; And they must be sworn before the President or his Deputy, and the Council, or any seven or more of them.
503. The first Treasurer named; and also the two first Secretaries.

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503. On every St. Andrew's Day (unless it be Sunday, and then on the next Day,) the President, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them (of whom, &c.), or the major Part of such Thirty-one or more, may elect proper Persons out of the Council to be Treasurer and Secretaries; who, after being sworn, are to hold their Offices till the following St. Andrew's Day.
504. If the Elections of President, Council, Treasurer, and Secretaries, or any of them, cannot conveniently be made or finished upon St. Andrew's Day, the President, Council, and Fellows, or any Thirty-one or more of them (of whom, &c.), or the major Part of such Thirty-one or more, may appoint one or more other Day or Days till they shall be finished.
504. If any of the said Officers die, quit, or be amoved, the President, Council, and Fellows, or any Twenty-one or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one,) or the major Part of such Twenty-one or more, may elect others for the Residue of the Year, and till new ones shall be elected and sworn.
504. The President and Council (*every* Member of the Council being always duly summoned to extraordinary Meetings,) or any Nine or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one) may meet in London or within ten Miles of London; and they, or the major Part of them, may make Laws, Statutes, and Ordinances, and transact all Matters relating to the Management of the Society and its Affairs, and all their Acts shall be valid: but their Statutes must be reasonable, and not contrary to Law.
505. The President, Council, and Fellows, or any Twenty-one or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be always one), or the major Part of such Twenty-one or more, may appoint one Printer or more, and one Engraver or more, and authorise them, by writing under the common Seal, and signed by the President, to print such Things (touching or concerning the Royal Society) as shall be given them in Charge by the President and Council, or any Seven or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one), or the major Part of such Seven or more. They must be first sworn before the President and Council, or Seven or more of them.
506. The President, Council, and Fellows, or any nine or more of them (of whom, &c.), or the major Part of such nine or more, shall have the same Right to demand and receive (by their Assignee or Assignees) the Bodies of executed

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- Criminals, and to anatomize them, as the College of Physicians and the Company of Surgeons of London use or enjoy.
506. Licence is given to them or any nine (as last above,) or the major Part of them, to hold a Correspondence, on Philosophical, Mathematical, or Mechanical Subjects, with all sorts of Foreigners, by Letters signed by the President or his Deputy, in the Presence of the Council, or any Seven or more of them, and in the name of the Society.
507. Licence given to the President, Council, and Fellows, or to the President and Council, or the major Part of them, to build a College or Colleges in London, or within ten Miles of it.
507. If any abuses shall happen, or Dissensions arise, they shall be reformed and settled by the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chancellor) alone, if living; and after his Death by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chancellor or Keeper of the Great Seal, the Treasurer, Privy Seal, Bishop of London, and two principal Secretaries, for the Time being, or any four or more of them.
508. General Clauses.

*Third Charter, 1669.*

509. Grant of Lands in Chelsey; Tenure; Rent; Exonerations, Acquittances, &c.
514. Recital of some Parts of the Second Charter. It takes Notice that several Powers, granted by *that* Charter, cannot be executed but by the President and Council or *seven or more* of them; by virtue of *that* Charter. This Charter directs that the President's Deputy shall continue in Office, *although* the President do appoint one or more others: And it gives him express Power to appoint *two or more* Deputies, out of the Council, at one and the same Time; who may, each of them, do the same Acts in his Absence, as he himself could do if present. But they must first be sworn before the Council, or *five or more* of them.
518. For the Future, the President, Council, and Fellows, or any nine of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be always one), may hold their Assemblies anywhere *within the Kingdom of ENGLAND*.

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518. All Powers, &c., which could not be exercised heretofore but by the President and Council, or *seven* or more of them, may for the future be exercised by the President and Council, or any *five* or more of them.
518. For the future, the *President* may appoint one Printer or more, and one Engraver or more, and authorise him or them to print such Things (touching or concerning the Royal Society) as shall be given to him or them in Charge, by the President and Council, or any *five* or more of them (of whom the President or his Deputy to be one), or by the major Part of such five or more. They must be first sworn before the President and Council, or any *five* or more of them.
519. General confirmatory Clauses.
520. The President and Vice-Presidents are enjoined to take the Oath of *Obedience* and the Oath of *Supremacy*, before the Council, or *seven* or more of them, previously to their acting.

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## STATUTES OF THE ROYAL SOCIETY, 1891.

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### CHAPTER I.

#### *Of the Election and Admission of Fellows.*

I. No person shall be proposed, elected, or admitted a Fellow of the Society on the day of the Anniversary Meeting for electing the Council and Officers.

II. Every Fellow, previously to his proposing a person as a Candidate for Election, shall inform him of the Obligation to be subscribed, of the sum to be paid for admission money, and of the payments to be made to the Society, before he can be admitted a Fellow.

III. Every such Candidate shall be proposed and recommended by a certificate in writing signed by six or more Fellows, of whom three at least shall certify their recommendation from personal knowledge. The certificate shall specify the name, rank, profession, qualifications, and usual place of residence of the Candidate; and being delivered to one of the Secretaries, or to the Assistant Secretary, shall be registered, with the date of delivery, in a book to be kept for the purpose, and read at the next ordinary meeting; and, if so ordered, shall be suspended in some convenient place in the Apartments of the Society until the day of Election.